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BISHOP'S LETTER



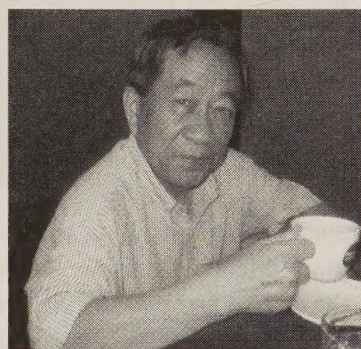
Thanks be to God for all the bishops and spouses from E. Asia who attended the CCEA Bishops' Meeting in Taiwan, October 3-8! From the closing service it was very clear that everyone had really enjoyed the conference, not just the

hospitality, but also the programs. Originally we had invited Fr. Fang from Fu-Jen R. C. University to lead a morning's retreat on the subject of 'Mission in the Modern World from the Perspective of O. T. Prophecy'. Unfortunately Fr. Fang was sick and unable to come, but he had printed out his lecture, and the bishops had some very fruitful discussions on this subject. Fr. Fang had also drawn on the teachings of Confucius - that a

great person needs to start from their own self, then their family and outwards from there.

One of the highlights of this conference was our

day trip to Taroko Gorge, it was so inspiring for all of us, and all could understand how Taiwan was named 'Formosa', Portuguese for 'Beautiful Island'. It gave us all a deeper understanding of God's wonderful creation. In all my many years of going to Taroko Gorge, I have never had such amazing weather! There was sunshine, but also a light breeze. It was also good that our bishops had the chance to spend the Sunday in our local



churches. Throughout the conference, we all enjoyed the fellowship, the mutual encouragement and being recharged by the Holy Spirit.

I also give thanks to God for the many blessings He brought to our diocese through the wonderful 10-day visit during late May and early June of our old friend and missionary, Rev. Peyton Craighill. We really appreciate him coming and running the training program, Member Mission, 3 times in total, once for all the clergy, and two workshops for laity. We were encouraged to think about how God uses us to carry on mission in 7 areas of our daily life: home, work, community, the wider world, leisure / recreation and church, both in our own spiritual health, and in our church life and its outreach activities. Peyton spent about 10 hours on each workshop and we really felt like we learned so much. We also appreciate the fact that at 82 years old, most others of the same age are enjoying their retirement and taking it easy, while Peyton came all the way from the USA to share with us about member mission. He also preached on the Sunday, and guided our younger clergy. Then after all his hard work in Taiwan, he went off to Hong Kong to participate as one of the

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key speakers in the conference to mark the centenary of the Anglican Church in China. Peyton's father was Bishop of Anqing, China (see photo left, Peyton is the small child in the center front!) so having been born and brought up in China until the age of 12, I believe that he was one of the only ones at the conference to be able to speak from his own personal experi-

ence. His visit to us was a great blessing indeed!

The other major event of recent months was participating along, with 6 others from our diocese, in the 77th General Convention in Indianapolis, USA from July 5-12. The main issue was same-sex blessings, which I did not vote for, because Asia continues to be a very conservative society and such a move would be unacceptable in our churches. This does not mean that we do not need to care for gay people, and when I came home from the USA I sent out a pastoral letter to all our clergy sharing with them about this issue. The Diocese of Taiwan will not be having same-sex blessings, but we do have a responsibility to care for gay people if and when they come to our churches.

News from our sister diocese: the Diocese of Osaka, Japan

By Rev. Akira Iwaki

On July 15 & 16, our Diocese of Osaka mission conference was held, with attendance of around 80 people from all the churches of the diocese. The subjects discussed were: (1) youth and children's mission; (2) our rapidly aging society; (3) bringing up ordained and lay ministers; (4) a life filled with prayer and service of God; (5) how to serve the social minorities. The participants were divided into five groups according to their own interests and mission. In each group people discussed seriously

the given topics. The conference was characterized by the activities of young people, who made good preparations for the services, the closing one in particular. The people who attended the conference will get together in November to discuss the developments since the conference.

From August 20-22, the Diocese of Osaka's children's camp was held on a camp site near Osaka City (in 2007 two friends from the Taiwan Episco-

pal Church joined the same camp). The participating children were above the 3rd year of primary school and below the 3rd year of junior high school. 10 more children joined the camp in comparison with those who came last year. The children who have little chance to live in harmony with nature in everyday urban life enjoyed themselves in the mountains and rivers.

The key-note bible verse was Luke 5:10, "From now on you will be catching people." Through the camp activities, the children learned how much God loves each of them. In the services they prayed to thank God for His love. They also acted a skit in which Jesus calls Peter and Andrew. After the camp, all the children and young staff members who served as leaders felt how they had grown up

spiritually by the grace of God.

From August 23-26, the 6th NSKK youth conference was held in the disaster-hit Tohoku District. The conference has been held once every 4 years since 1992. The young people over 18 get together to join various programs in consideration of the situation of the place where it is held. This year the conference was held in Tohoku district, disastrously hit by the East-Japan Great Earthquake and Tsunami on 11 March, 2011. 73 young people took part in the conference under the theme "Remember – Keep the light." Those who have the same faith could have the same experience by seeing and feeling various situations in the disaster-hit areas.

News from the Diocese of Taiwan

Retired priest Rev. Samuel Liao wishes to thank everyone for their kind concern and prayers after his accident, and throughout his recovery. On December 27, 2011 he fell out of bed and severely damaged his spine, requiring major surgery. After 6 months of recovery in hospital, he was discharged on June 29, and now goes 4 times a week for rehabilitation. Please do continue to pray for Rev. Samuel Liao and his recovery, and for his wife and all the family. In this photo right, he is pictured with 2 church members from St. Timothy's Church, Kaohsiung.

Congratulations to Bishop David J. H. Lai and Lily on the birth of their third grandchild, a granddaughter Elise, born in New Jersey, USA on May 31, the first child of Andrew Lai (younger son of Bishop David and Lily) and his wife Sarah.

Mrs. Lily Lai, wife of Bishop David J. H. Lai, represented Taiwan's World Day of Prayer National Committee at the World Day of Prayer International Conference, held at the Interchurch Center in New York City from June 10-17.

The Diocese of Taiwan congratulates Canon Peter

Ng, Asia-Pacific Officer for The Episcopal Church, on his installation as lay canon, at a service held on Sunday August 5, in the National Cathedral, Manila, Philippines. Following his visit to the Philippines, he and Rev. Bruce Woodcock from the Church Pension Fund visited Taiwan from August 9-12 to plan the 'Safeguarding God's Children'

Workshop Training to be held in Yilan, Taiwan from October 24-27 for all clergy, Sunday School and Kindergarten supervisors and principals, plus others.

Canon Peter Ng also visited Taiwan from September 5-10 with Ms. Ruth-Ann Collins, Officer for Christian Lifelong Formation from the Episcopal Church Center, New York.

Congratulations to our cashier in the diocesan office, Ms. Ou-Yang 歐陽士珊 on her wedding to Mr. Lin at Banchiao Presbyterian Church, Taipei on September 29!



The Diocese of Taiwan's 2013 diocesan convention will take place on March 1 and 2 at St. Mark's Church, Pingtung.

Reflections on General Convention 2012

By Andrew Chung-Ping Chang 張中平



DIOCESE OF TAIWAN DELEGATION TO GENERAL CONVENTION: LEFT TO RIGHT: MR. TIM PAN, BISHOP DAVID J. H. LAI, REV. LILY CHANG, MR. ANDREW CHANG. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE BUT NOT PICTURED WERE MRS. HSU PAI-HUI AND MRS. LILY LAI

After a very intense and tight eight-day schedule of many long legislative sessions of the General Convention in Indianapolis from July 5 to 12, it took me almost another month and a half to simmer down and to try to report objectively my 2012 General Convention experience with friends back in Taiwan and our reflections from the Taiwan deputation to our friends around the world.

The most controversial issue in the General Convention was of course the liturgy for the blessing of same-sex relationships. After serious debate in which the opposition side was allowed priority time to present their grounds, the Convention voted by a large majority in favor of the resolution to authorize a rite for the blessing of same-sex couples with provisional clauses to protect those clergy and churches that do not agree with the theological reasoning behind and do not want to use this rite in their dioceses. Bishop Lai and the Taiwan deputation at the House of Deputies voted opposed to the resolution reflecting the general consensus of the Episcopalians in our Diocese. Most Christians in Taiwan be-

lieve that marriage as a sacrament is between a man and a woman, and some worry about the disintegration of the worldwide Anglican Communion over this issue. However, my personal observation is that the Episcopal Church as represented in the General Convention is really sincere in keeping the conversation going and in reaching out in dialogue with the rest of the Anglican Communion on this issue. As Taiwan is becoming more and more progressive and liberal in social issues, the LGBT controversy is bound to emerge to challenge Christian thinking in the church. The Diocese of Taiwan inevitably will bring the issue in discussion among ourselves and with others sooner or later.

The most important item on the Convention agenda for both the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies to deliberate and vote on was the proposed budget for the next triennium (2013-2015). The budget presented to the House of Deputies was structured around the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion and it clearly showed maneuvers from different constituencies of the Church and

tug of wars between the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies. With a decline of membership in the Episcopal Church, both the Bishops and the deputies tried very hard to make the triennial budget appropriate to deal with the crucial issues and priorities the Church will face. It is overall mission based and mission centered. Although the budget is shrinking, I was impressed to see motions on the floor in the House of Deputies to increase money allocation to experimental mission programs, planting new churches, programs helping with poverty and minority needs won almost unanimous "yes" votes.

Another resolution dealing with reimagining the Church called for the creation of a Task Force that will report back to the General Convention in three years' time on how to restructure and recreate the Church passed with unanimity by the House of Deputies. The resolution definitely will have a far-reaching impact on the direction for the Episcopal Church.

During the General Convention, the Diocese of Taiwan, Bishop Lai, and deputies of participants from Taiwan were especially honored to be invited to attend an award ceremony celebrating Apostles in Transformational Stewardship sponsored by the Episcopal Network for Stewardship on July 6, 2012.

The Rev. Dr. Charles C. T. Chen of the Episcopal Diocese of Taiwan was among the four recipients of the Awards. Through the visionary leadership of Fr. Chen at St. James' Episcopal Church and Kindergarten in Taichung, Taiwan, he raised enough money to fund the construction of twelve churches in the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Philippines. After Fr. Chen gave his moving award speech along the theme of "It is more blessed to give than receive", the audience applauded and gave him a standing ovation. As representatives from Taiwan

we shared proudly with him his honor in receiving the Award on the special occasion.

The General Convention is a very good example of shared governance of the Episcopal Church. Major policy decisions were reached through joint efforts of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies. We shared the Good News, witnessed God's reconciling work, and followed the guidance of the Spirit in the Convention. As the Church is at a crossroad undergoing a drastic structural change in the coming years, laity will play a more important role in the leadership of the Church.

A final note of appreciation goes to John and Angela Cox-Ford. John was a Convention volunteer from the Diocese of Indianapolis. He looked very hard for us in the Convention Center and invited Bishop Lai and all of us from Taiwan to their lovely home in Indianapolis for dinner. Angela was in Taiwan several years ago for a summer and was a member at St. James' Episcopal Church in Taichung; she has fond memories of her experiences in Taiwan. Angela prepared a wonderful dinner with delicious desserts for us. We had a peaceful compline at their home after dinner. We came back to Taiwan from Indianapolis with a firm belief that in God we truly are one family.



BISHOP LAI AND MR. TIM PAN AT THE GENERAL CONVENTION

Good stewardship can be a transforming experience, and the Episcopal Network for Stewardship celebrated four success stories with its Apostles in Transformational Stewardship awards during a July 6 reception at General Convention, meeting here.

TENS president J.R. Lander and the Rev. Laurel Johnston, the Episcopal Church's program office for stewardship, welcomed representatives of four dioceses – New Hampshire, Ohio, Oklahoma and Taiwan – who accepted awards recognizing innovative, creative programs emphasizing stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

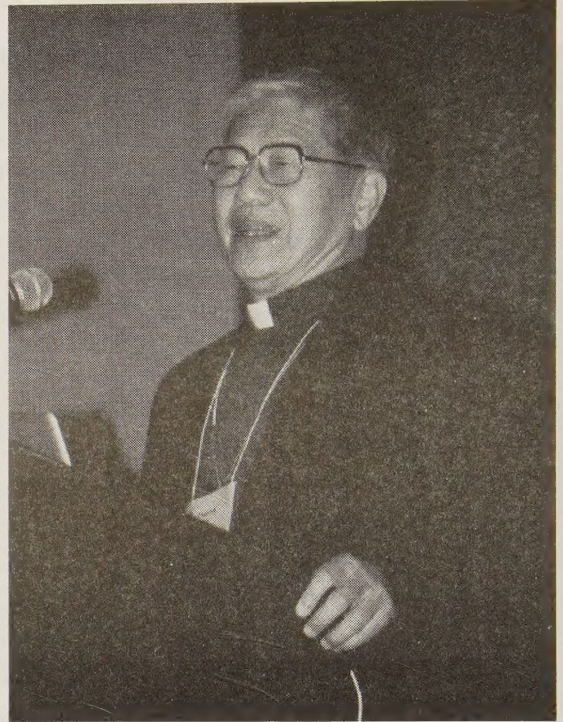
The award winners were nominated by their dioceses at the request of TENS. Short video presentations described the programs and their effects.

Following the awards presentation, the gathering heard a keynote address from the Rev. Canon Edwin Bacon, rector of All Saints Episcopal Church, Pasadena, in the Diocese of Los Angeles.

First honored was the Rev. Charles C.T. Chen of St. James' Episcopal Church and Kindergarten in Taichung, Taiwan, which has funded the construction of 12 other churches, although it is not a particularly wealthy congregation.

"I pray that our example may be challenging and inspiring to others in Taiwan and throughout the world to serve others," Chen told the gathering when accepting the award. "The world is full of selfishness and greed and the world is also full of corruption and indifference and, in the personal, broken relationships. Everyone wants to serve themselves, not others. We can show the world the joy that comes from serving others and serving Christ."

Elizabeth McKay Moosbrugger of St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, led the Diocese of Ohio's "Bricks for Haiti" project, a response to the January 2012 earthquake that leveled much of the nation's infrastructure, including the Episcopal Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, which had been a center of community life in Port-au-Prince. Moosbrugger inspired congregations in her diocese to find creative ways



THE REV. CHARLES CHEN OF THE DIOCESE OF TAIWAN ACCEPTS A STEWARDSHIP AWARD HONORING HIS PARISH'S COMMITMENT TO BUILDING CHURCHES. PHOTO/JANET KAWAMOTO

to raise money to contribute to the Episcopal Church's relief efforts in Haiti.

"I've been astounded by the power of that word, 'yes,'" said Moosbrugger of the unexpectedly successful campaign, which raised more than 115% of its financial goal. "My 'yes' was followed by 68 parishes saying 'yes.'" The efforts in Ohio, she said, also inspired other dioceses to assist Haiti, which is the largest diocese in the Episcopal Church.

"I am honored to accept this award on behalf of all those who say yes to transforming the world through stewardship," she concluded.

Field Griffen of the Diocese of Oklahoma's stewardship commission accepted the TENS award on behalf of the diocese. The commission created an annual giving campaign titled "Gratitude, Prayer and Faith," which was intended "to bring about life-changing attitudes toward gratitude, giving and discipleship," according to a program description. "While often our culture stresses the contractual nature of giving, [the program] addresses the joyful nature of covenantal giving," the description said.

Some congregations achieved a 30% increase in giving and many first-time pledgers.

“Retelling people what they already know about stewardship is not enough,” Field said as he accepted the award, adding that what is necessary for success is to build a program that can transform lives.

Clergy, lay leaders and diocesan leaders in the Diocese of New Hampshire built a stewardship program based on a rule of life and spiritual depth, “founded on prayer, non-profit management excellence and theological principles of stewardship,” according to a program description. Program leaders produced video messages, preaching notes and a campaign manual, as well as an annual stewardship institute. The result was a diocesan-wide increase in giving of 10% in a time of economic downturn.

“This award tells the clergy, lay leaders and congregational donors of New Hampshire that courage, prayer and hard work do pay off,” said the Rev. Charles LaFond, canon for congregational life for the diocese.

The people who built the program adopted a can-do attitude, he said. “When the recession hit, we prayed for mountains to be moved – and we brought our shovels.”

In his keynote address, Bacon described the importance of generosity, which he said was the heart of stewardship. “One of my favorite geographical features on the planet is the headwaters at the top of the Jordan River — so tiny and insignificant, but it flows into this great river, then into the Sea of Galilee,” he said.

The Sea is full of life, he continued — families and fishermen and boaters and jet skiers. Then the Jordan flows out of the Sea of Galilee into the Dead Sea — which is dead because nothing flows out of it, Bacon said.

“We want you to be a Sea of Galilee, not a Dead Sea,” he told the assembly. “Absolutely everything we have is a gift from God. It is a great pleasure to give and give.”

— Janet Kawamoto is an associate editor for Episcopal News Service.

LINKS FOR THE TRANSFORMATION STEWARDSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION

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The PowerPoint shown at the presentation about Rev. Charles C. T. Chen can be seen at <https://vimeo.com/46657350>



DIOCESE OF TAIWAN REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE AT THE AWARD PRESENTATION

The 'Apostles in Transformational Stewardship Awards'

By Rev. Charles C. T. Chen

It was God's abundant grace that our diocese was awarded one of the "The Apostles in Transformational Stewardship Awards" of 2012 on July 6 at the 77th General Convention in Indianapolis, USA. There were four dioceses awarded for this extra-ordinary reputation in the field of stewardship.



FRIENDS GATHER TO CONGRATULATE REV. CHARLES C. T. CHEN ON THE AWARD!

Thanks and praises be to God, I was recommended by Bishop Lai to be the representative of Taiwan Diocese as well as for St. James' Church to accept this remarkable award at the presentation. It was a fantastic evening! The presentation meeting was held on July 6 at JW Marriot Hotel, right after a meal fellowship with around 250 people in attendance. Miraculously, the Diocese of Taiwan was the first one to receive this remarkable award. In fear and trembling, I prudently addressed the TENS Award acceptance remarks as follows:

"It is a wonderful honor and a great surprise to receive this award! It is simply out of my expectation and dreams. I want to thank everyone who has been involved in the nomination process, especially the Stewardship Award committee, and of course Bishop Lai, the Bishop of Taiwan, for his nomination.

Truly I can say that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We are only following the teachings of Christ, and relying on the grace of God. Jesus tells us to 'Love one another as I have loved you'. That is simply what we have tried to do.

I pray that our example will challenge

and inspire others in Taiwan and throughout the world to serve others. The world is full of selfishness and greed. The world is also full of corruption, indifference and impersonal broken relationships. Everyone wants to serve themselves, not

others. So I hope that the church can be a place of transformation

in the world. We can show the world what it means to serve others, to put others first. And we can show the world the joy that comes from serving others and from serving Christ. Let us trust in the Holy Spirit and go forward in faith to proclaim the transforming Gospel of Christ! It seems that this is an impossible mission, but by his grace and love, we can make the impossible become possible!

After the presentations awards I had the honor of flying to Los Angeles where I shared in the morning worship at St. Thomas' Church, Hacienda Heights. Rev. Joshua Wu and the congregation warmly welcomed me (see photo below)!



My Return to Taiwan!

By Peyton G Craighill

Last fall, I was much surprised to find myself invited to a study conference in Hong Kong on the history of the Anglican Church in China, to be held during the first week of June, 2012.

After news that I was going to Hong Kong got to my friends in Taiwan, they asked if I could stop through on my way there. This opened up an opportunity I had been dreaming about – leading three workshops about transforming congregations in Taiwan from an attractational model of ministry to a missional model. Here was an opportunity straight from God to continue the work that, in 1959 through 1978, I had begun of preparing Taiwanese Christians to serve with Christ in his mission on that island!

I was thrilled at the possibility – but also deeply apprehensive. At the age of 82, would I have the en-



PEYTON (RIGHT) ARRIVES IN TAIWAN,
WELCOMED BY MR. JOHN CHUANG,
DIOCESAN TREASURER

ergy to carry on such a demanding plan? But God wouldn't let me say no. He kept bugging me to go. So with much trepidation, I agreed to the plan and began preparing for it. While demanding, it turned out to be one of the best events of my life.

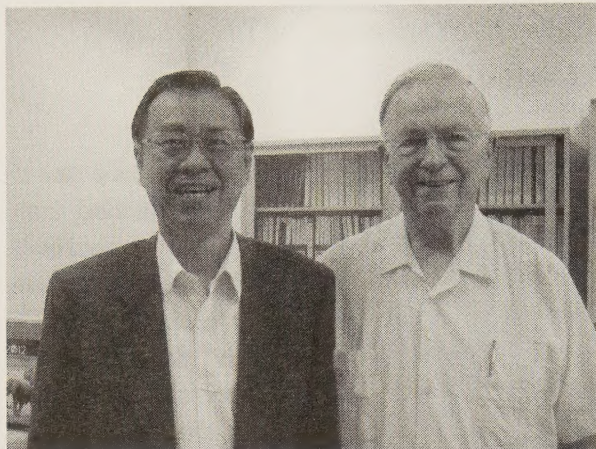
When my plane touched down in Taiwan, I was so glad to be back in Taipei! In addition to returning to my longtime home, Taipei looked so lush, green, and yes, beautiful! I never thought I would call Taipei beautiful. But now

that trees, bushes, and flowers planted during my early years in Taiwan have come to maturity, in summer, the city actually is – beautiful!

I dwell on this fact because I think it says something about Taiwan in general. In 1959, when I first arrived in Taiwan, average annual per capita income was US\$190 a year. Now it's over \$37,000,



CLERGY RETREAT WITH PEYTON CRAIGHILL



GOOD FRIENDS: PEYTON CRAIGHILL (RIGHT) AND
ANDREW CHANG (LEFT)

making Taiwan ranked nineteenth in the world. At that time, very few students had a chance to go to college. Now, everyone who can afford a college education can be accepted. The air over Taipei is much better than when I left in 1997 because the low-tech, air-polluting factories have been moved to China or Vietnam – taking the pollution with them. In politics, Taiwan has changed from a police state to a wide-open, two-party democracy.

All these and many other indicators point to a much-improved lifestyle for the residents of Taiwan. But when I asked about the spiritual condition of the population, everyone I asked said that the mood of the people as a whole is pessimistic. When I asked them why, the reply I heard was that they had no vision for the future. People don't want to marry and have babies, and those who do marry have a rising rate of divorce. As a result, the population is declining.

When I asked about church growth, I was told that the Christian community remains the same size as when I left – about 4 percent of the population. Yet the spirit that I felt in the congregations that I visited was joy in the Lord and happiness in their congregations.

What about the three workshops that brought me from America to gather with members of the Taiwan Episcopal Church from all over the island? During the course of the daylong ses-

sions, I was deeply stirred by the manifestation of the Spirit at work among us. Was our situation similar to the experience of Paul in the Roman Empire when, in the face of troubling demoralization, he experienced Christ at work, bringing new light into darkness? As participants filled out their worksheets on their daily-life missions and shared them with each other, were they inspired by the same vision of Christ on mission in Taiwan? Was this why the reporters from each small-group reported with so much enthusiasm? Perhaps they didn't know themselves what was happening. But I sensed the Spirit at work in their midst. Once again, human adversity is God's opportunity!

All the generation of students that I supervised in seminary has retired with one notable exception – Bishop David Lai. I had a good opportunity to get to know their replacements now active in this generation, and I'm impressed by them. Many are the products of our ministry at St. John's University, north of Taipei. If for no other reason, the labor and recourses that have gone into that great endeavor are justified by this fine outcome.

I was also happy to find new mission congregations developing in Keelung, Taoyuan, and outside of Kaohsiung. All were established by local congregations – a sign of vitality in the diocese.



TAIPEI FAREWELL DINNER FOR PEYTON CRAIGHILL WITH OLD FRIENDS,
INCLUDING CHAO MAMA AND HER FAMILY

I was especially happy to have a day and a half at the Tainan Theological College in southern Taiwan, where Mary and I were married and our children spent their early years. Needless to say, it brought back many memories of wonderful events there and of the people, faculty, staff, and students, that made it such an important part of my life and mission in

Taiwan.

Again I want to say "thank you" from the bottom of my heart to all of you who made my two-week stay in Taiwan one of the most memorable and rewarding experiences of my life.



Member Mission Workshops

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Member mission is based on seven basic truths about God and our relationship with the Lord.

God is on mission. God is on mission everywhere all the time. God is always working with us and through us to make the world all that it can be. Wherever there is love and justice, God is at work. The Lord's mission is to bring love and justice wherever they are blocked and to maintain or increase them where they are already present.

God's mission has a church. The church does not have a mission. Rather, God's mission has a church. The church is the visible instrument of God's mission and, so, collaborates with any person or group working for greater love and justice.

God is as concerned about how we live from Monday to Saturday as about what we do on Sunday. We know about "congregational missions" at church or under the church's "banner." Beyond church, the other kind of mission work begins. "Member missions" are what church members do daily on their own at home, at work, in their communities, in the wider world, during their leisure, and for their spiritual health, as well as what they do in their church's life and its outreach. Since, the members go everywhere in the world each day, what they do can have far greater impact on the world than what they do together as church.

Today, churches are often sidelined when critical

decisions are made. But, the members are not! Spirituality – our relationship with God and how it influences what we do – needs to go public. Go beyond a spirituality focused on our private lives and inner struggles. Focus on our public lives where we can often do the most good for Christ by carrying our Christian values into the world. We do not impose our beliefs on others but, rather, to allow our faith to guide our behavior in every facet of our lives. This way we can influence the political, social, and individual decisions that affect everyone.

Move toward making your congregation's basic purpose be to support all of the members in their daily living as Christians. In time, let this become its primary purpose. More and more of you will come to see that it's in this purpose that God's greatest presence and power can be found. God's work in the world will thrive.

We are God's coworkers; Jesus Christ is the victor over evil and shares that power over evil

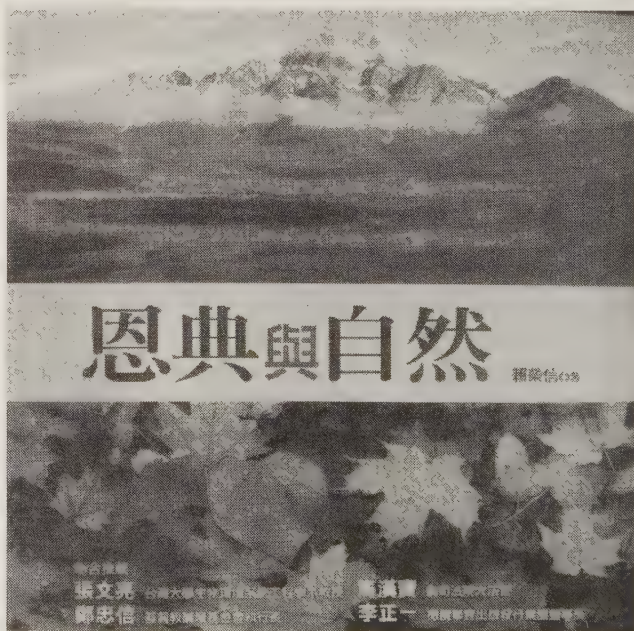
with us. As we choose to do God's work, we look to Jesus for help to get it done. Jesus overcame evil in his lifetime through his teaching and healing. Even crucifixion did not kill Jesus or destroy his message. His resurrection is the ultimate victory over evil. Evil will never have the final say. We are not alone when we struggle with evil. We join Jesus in his mission—"As the Father has sent me, so I send you . . . Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:21-22). He shares his power with us, the power of the Holy Spirit, to cope with evil, sin, and death in our own daily missions.

Our daily missions are to live the gospel in each of our daily mission fields. We are here to love each other and to seek justice for all. We share in God's mission by what we do and by what we say. We draw on our church life and each other for the support, the guidance, and the power we need to do God's work.

'Grace and Nature' by the Bishop of Taiwan, Rt. Rev. David J. H. Lai

Bishop David J. H. Lai has recently published a book called "Grace and Nature". Congratulations Bishop Lai!

The CCLM Publishing Company invited Bishop Lai to collect together many of his articles that he has published over the years in the Christian Tribune Newspaper, arising from his interest in nature and its relationship to our faith. The theme is very much based on Genesis 1:26 in which God created man and also gave us responsibilities to be good stewards of the earth. Instead however, we have misused and abused the earth and its resources; so this book explores how we can appreciate and enjoy the grace and mercy of God, while also fulfilling our duties to be good stewards of the earth. All the chapters are in Chinese, but one article is in both English and Chinese, called 'Faith and the Art of Tea', in which Bishop Lai shares his love of tea-drinking and how it helps not just our physical health, but also our spiritual health and fellowship with one another.



The book also includes a foreword by Professor Herbert Ma, Chancellor of the Diocese of Taiwan, and is on sale in Christian Bookshops at NT\$ 250.

Advent Church summer camps were the highlight of recent months, and a wonderful cooperative effort between all those involved in St. John's University Chaplaincy and student fellowship, Advent Church clergy and church members, and the local community.

On July 2 and 3, the Advent Church summer camp was held in the church for 76 local children of primary school age, led by 30 of our student fellowship group plus church youth. The theme of the camp was 'Shalom', and everyone had blue T-Shirts with 'Shalom' emblazoned in yellow across the front. The top photo shows the highlight of the summer camp ~ the water fight, and middle photo shows one of the drama sessions, the story of the Good Samaritan!

On July 5 and 6, we repeated the same summer camp, also on the theme of 'Shalom', in Lao-Mei Village, where we have been doing outreach for the last few years, based in the former R.C Church building, now let to a local teacher and used for after-school classes for local children. There the facilities were much more basic than in Advent



Church, in fact there were 60 of us in the church with only one small working wall fan! By the end of the first day, Advent Church had kindly decided to donate 6 new wall fans to Lao-Mei R. C. Church, they were installed ready for use on the second day! As in past years, a group from the R. C. Church in Jin-shan, plus Rev. Toon Maes (shown on the left in the bottom photo, with Rev. Lennon Chang on the right) also attended the summer camp. This is a wonderful outreach that really helps build relationships in Lao-Mei Village as well as a great opportunity for outreach with the children.

On Mon. July 16, the 'Small Sun' Summer Camp started for 5 weeks, until August 21, based at Advent Church. Monday-Thursday each week, 9:00-4:00pm. 32 local children, many from disadvantaged homes, came for classes in the Bible, English, computer, plus help with holiday homework, exercise and outings. The classes were led by 2 of our student fellowship leaders, assisted by church members and university staff who taught English and computers.

During June, a group from ChoiKou Anglican High School 蔡高中學 in Macau spent a week with us, including worship at Advent Church (see top photo here), visiting church and community projects in the area.

Bishop David J. H. Lai visited Advent Church on June 24 for a confirmation of 10 new church members (see middle photo). After the church lunch, Bishop Lai spent the afternoon hosting a tea party and sharing about making tea!

The Diocese of Taiwan Evergreen group joined up with the diocesan Women's Group for a day's outing to Advent Church, followed by a visit along the coast to San-Zhe. A very happy time was had by all!

The building project for the new Advent Church Center has been delayed slightly for discussions that took place throughout the summer at regular meetings with the architect to try to agree on the final plans. That process has now been

completed, and the plans are being submitted for final approval and the granting of a building license. On Saturday May 12, a Thanksgiving Service was held in Advent Church (see bottom photo) for the

success of the fundraising campaign for the Church Center. The target of raising NT\$ 18 million has been realized, praise be to God! Donations continue to be accepted for equipment and furnishings. Many diocesan and university representatives attended the service, which was led by Bishop David Lai. Among them was the Chair of the St. John's

University Board of Trustees, Dr. Cecilia Koo, SJU President Chen Jean-Lien, diocesan chancellor, Professor Herbert Ma as well as the Mayor of Tamsui.

We thank Rev. David Chee for serving for 6 months while Rev. Lennon Chang took sabbatical

from Advent Church, although he continued as SJU Chaplain during that time. As a thanksgiving gift, David was presented with an iPad!



ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, TAMSUI

Chaplain: Rev Lennon Chang Yuan-Rung 張員榮牧師

St. John's University, like all other universities in Taiwan faces a constant challenge of balancing quality and quantity when it comes to student recruitment. We want to have full enrollment, but preferably not at the cost of having to lower standards of admission. Taiwan's birth rate continues to decrease, and universities and colleges offer ever more generous incentives to attract students! This has coincided with a thawing of relationships across the Taiwan Strait so that students from Mainland China are slowly being welcomed to study here in Taiwan. The numbers are strictly controlled by the government but are gradually increasing; this semester St. John's University has more than in previous years.

A total of 71 students from overseas are enrolled for this semester at St. John's University. Most are from Mainland China, here for one or two semesters. Three students from Mainland China are en-

SJU VISITS ARCHBISHOP PAUL KWONG, HONG KONG



rolled for the 4-year undergraduate course, plus four students from Hong Kong, one from Japan and one from USA. All are Chinese-speaking.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR NEW STUDENTS' ORIENTATION WEEK

There are many openings for Chinese-speaking students from Malaysia, Hong Kong and other countries to study here. To this end, SJU President Chen Jean-Lien, SJU Chaplain Rev. Lennon Chang and Mr. Daniel Yu-Hai Chen visited Hong Kong from May 22-23. This included a visit to the Archbishop of Hong Kong, Paul Kwong (see top photo, previous page) and to many Anglican high schools. Archbishop Paul Kwong was also invited to visit St. John's University and was able to take advantage of the CCEA meetings to preach at Advent Church on Sunday October 7, and to visit the university.



St. John's University Chaplaincy has the honor of training the student leaders who are responsible for the new students' orientation, the Fresher's Week. Training the 84 leaders in how to serve others, to care for others and to help new students settle in took place over 2 days at the beginning of September, led by 30 members of our chaplaincy student fellowship (see bottom photo, previous page). The theme for the training, and in fact for activities throughout this semester is 'Transformation'. The training culminated in a service in Advent Church with foot-washing, a wonderful symbol of service to others.

The total new intake of students in September for the university is 1499, which is about 150 less than we would like. Half of that shortfall is taken up with overseas students, but we would value prayers for our student enrollment in the future.

Another activity involving the Chaplaincy is the annual World Vision 12-hour Fast, which was held on May 24, from 8:00am-8:00pm, encouraged and supported by Rev. Lennon Chang and members of the Chaplaincy staff and students (see photo above).

Graduation in June 2012 saw 14 members of the Chaplaincy student fellowship graduating and saying goodbye (see photo below of graduating students, SJU Chaplaincy and Advent Church staff). Of these 14 students, 3 were already Christians when they came to SJU, 5 have become Christians since they came here and have been baptized in Ad-

vent Church, and 6 are not yet Christians. Please pray for them all. Some are continuing in the student fellowship while at graduate school here at SJU, but most of the boys are moving on to do their compulsory year of military service, while the girls are busy finding jobs.



GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, TAIPEI

Rev. Lily Chang Ling-Ling 張玲玲牧師, English Chaplain: Rev. Herbert Barker

During May, Good Shepherd Chinese and English congregations held a wonderful weekend away in Lukang, central Taiwan. Over 60 people attended the weekend, which included a tour of Lukang and lots of sharing and fellowship. Last year we also held a similar weekend away, that time in Sun Moon Lake. This is a good opportunity for our 2 congregations to get together and to spend time together.

Good Shepherd Church has a loyal and faithful youth group, named the Joshua Group, and on Sunday July 8, we were invited to visit Advent Church for the morning service. 13 of our group went along and we were warmly welcomed by the youth of Advent Church with pizza and sodas for lunch, then sharing activities and games in the afternoon. A few weeks later, during August, we were part of a joint youth camp for youth of Good Shepherd, Advent Church and St. John's Cathedral, spending the weekend together at St. Peter's Church in Chia-Yi. A total of 29 youth attended the weekend, including 15 from Good Shepherd, 7 from Advent Church and the rest from St. John's Cathedral.



At the end of August we said goodbye to 顏如雪

Ms. Yen Ru-Shue, the director of our senior services ministry, as she returns to her home area in central Taiwan. On Monday August 13, the staff held a lunch to say goodbye to her, and also to welcome Ms. Huang, one of our loyal church members who also plays the piano for our worship, who has taken over the responsibility. Please pray for this vital ministry of Good Shepherd Church. Photos below were taken at the farewell lunch.

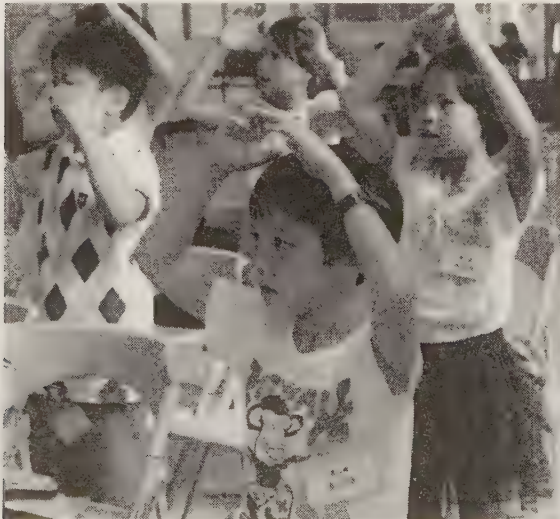


FAREWELL LUNCH, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: FORMER DIRECTOR OF GOOD SHEPHERD SENIORS' MINISTRY, MS. YEN RU-SHUE, PASTORAL CARE LEADER MS. CHANG, NEW DIRECTOR OF SENIORS' MINISTRY MS. HUANG, VOLUNTEER MS. PAN, DAUGHTER OF SENIOR WARDEN MR. TIM PAN



The outreach ministry in Chung-Li continues apace and this summer saw an amazing response to the Chung-li summer camp program! This is only the second summer camp that Good Shepherd has organized in the Chung-Li Outreach Center, the first was planned with the Diocesan Youth Camp from New Westminster, Canada last year. This year the camp was led by our Evangelist Joseph Ho, based at the Church of the Leading Star in Taiping, Taichung; he was assisted by 16 youth, some from

the summer camp, which this year was held in a nearby hall, as our center is way too small to hold



so many people. It was all such a success that the local youth wish to carry on meeting and now we have a fledgling youth group meeting on alternate Sunday afternoons in the center.



the other churches in our diocese and some from the local area. The youth arrived 2 days early for training and preparation, and then stayed for the duration of the summer camp sleeping on the floor at the outreach center. 50 children came along to



The last weekend in August we organized a weekend away from the Chung-Li Outreach Center to



St. James' Church, Taichung, and we were delighted that 20 people came along, 4 carloads. Half were children, half were adults and for many it was their first visit to St. James. The weekend took place just after a typhoon, so it was overcast, but everyone really enjoyed the weekend. On the Saturday after leaving Chung-Li we went first to spend the day at a forest park north of Taichung. When we arrived at St. James we were warmly welcomed with wonderful hospitality by church members who had prepared delicious snacks for us. That evening we walked around the local area, and next day spent the morning worshipping at St. James and having a tour of the church compound. After church we left for the Taichung Science Museum and then returned to Chung-Li. The family feeling of the Taiwan Episcopal Church was really brought home to us as we felt so welcome at St. James and discovered that many of our congregation already have family and friends in the church there.

The Center continues its regular weekly program of Book clubs, Children's Homework Classes, Sunday services and special outreach activities. Some of the youth are being trained as acolytes, and there is a small Sunday School. Please pray for all our outreach. We thank God for the regular members, including William Pan and his wife, pictured left, who live nearby, and the ladies pictured below. We are also pleased to have seminarian Ms Tsai Jing-Yi, on the far left in the photo below, who is assigned to the center at weekends, and Ms. Lee, pictured second left, who lives at the center during the week and takes care of the daily ministry.



Good Shepherd's English Congregation

By Rev. Herbert Barker

Zeit und Geist is a German phrase that means "Time and Spirit". Both "time and spirit" are realities that are tricky to define. We modern, scientific, technological *menschen*, persons, attempt to live as if both time and spirit are measurable dimensions and realities with boundaries and conditions commonly understood by all of us. Yet, both time and spirit are subjective, shared realities among people living in communion.

For the English congregation of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Taiwan, summer 2012 has been a time and spirit revealing the meaning of our common life shared in the spirit of Pentecost.

Father Barker delivered twenty sermons on the Sundays after the Day of Pentecost, that sought to understand our time and spirit within the message of the Holy Spirit that creates the body of Christ of the people upon whom the Spirit of God has been poured out.

He taught us that the Holy Spirit guides us in the wilderness of this world's illusions toward sanctuaries of Koinonia that is characterized as a people of God who live compassionately in love with all creation. We came to understand that we journey as companions sharing in the giving and receiving of limitless hospitality and boundless mercy. We listened for God's higher callings to love Him whole-heartedly, and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

For a weekend in June, the English Congregation and the Chinese Congregation of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd communed in time and spirit on a retreat to Lukang. In shared walks through an ancient village, an evening sing along, and during Sunday worship, we strangers became friends and family in time and in spirit. Shepherd-ing love made us one. We were one in spirit and in truth and in time.

In our common time and spirit this summer our community's compassion is displayed in this report

by Vina Frederick and Rayman Wong:

"The building is characterized by a long winding staircase, and from the street below one can hear the voices of babies crying, the laughter of children playing and the voices of their nannies urging them to keep the noise level at a minimal. Upon entering the shelter, the children's face lit up as if they have seen someone familiar even though they were seeing you for the first time. Their friendly glances were as if to say welcome to our humble home.

On July 2, the Church of the Good Shepherd in collaboration with members of corporate community



both here and abroad donated NT\$ 100,000 to the Harmony Home Association (see photo above). The fundraising drive was sparked through the participation of two of our English congregation's lay leaders, Vina Frederick and Simon Lowater, in the Taipei 101 Run Up Charity Race.

Harmony Home is a shelter that cares for people living with and children affected by HIV/AIDS both here and in China. The shelter provides food, clothing, shelter, as well as funding educational and medical care for vulnerable children infected with HIV and AIDS. The children come from various backgrounds and many are not infected with the virus. Harmony Home currently has 5 shelters in Taiwan specifically in the Wenshan District, Kaohsi-

ung and Pingtung. The residents include children, teenagers, mothers, old people, patients who are physically challenged, in a vegetative state, or with advanced illnesses.

The aim of the Association is to provide a fun loving family atmosphere for its residents, whom many come from complicated backgrounds, in addition, ensuring their basic needs are met. As the Association strives to remain operational caring for the vast needs of its residents it continues to face many challenges and require constant support from the corporate community, government officials and friends.

The money donated to the Association will go towards supporting the education of three children from its Taipei, Wenshan District children's shelter.

In the end, our shared time in the Spirit of the Lord, we receive the promise of the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Joel 2:28-32

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, HUA-LIEN

Rev. Joseph Wu Ming-Long 吳明龍牧師

On July 22, we were delighted to welcome Bishop David J. H. Lai to St. Luke's Church for a special service installing Rev. Joseph Wu as our new vicar.

From July 21-22, we welcomed Rev. Julia Lin and a group of 7 church members from St. Stephen's Mission, Keelung who came to Hua-lien to lead our children's summer camp. It was wonderful to see the 10 participating children

enjoying themselves, having some English classes, Bible classes and lots of fun and games (see photos here). Thank you to Julia and the team from St. Stephen's!

On September 18 we are starting our Alpha course on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:30pm until November 20, please do pray for us!



TRINITY CHURCH, KEELUNG

Rev. Richard Lee Ray-Chiang 李瑞強牧師

Following the example of St. John's Cathedral, we decided that we would hold our most recent adult Grace Encounter (similar to Alpha) program within our cell groups. So throughout May and June, our 5 cell groups all followed the Grace Encounter program and shared the gospel with our non-Christian friends. A total of 12 non-Christians attended the course. We found that in using the cell group method, that the new members became a part of the group and a part of the church much more quickly and they have stayed within the groups even now that the course is over. It also meant that because each cell group was responsible for organiz-



One big highlight of the summer was a special week in August when we welcomed a team from St. Peter's Church, ChingShan, Hong Kong on their second visit to us. They came for a week of mission and training. During the daytime each day, 8 of their leaders led an children's English summer camp for over 50 of our children (see photos on this page). In the evenings, 3 other leaders from their team led training sessions for our church members on how to minister to divorced women, and 13 of our church members attended. We hope to start this kind of vitally important outreach ministry in the future (see top 2 photos on the next page).

ing the program for the group, it gave group members a greater chance to serve as leaders in worship, in the Bible teaching, in the different activities, so everyone was involved.

During July and August, we held our Youth Alpha program. This was not held in cell groups, but in one large group, meeting weekly over the summer vacation. Within the big group we had 5 smaller groups for fellowship. A total of over 40 youth attended the course, of which more than 10 were new, and not yet Christians. We are delighted that some of them are now preparing for baptism at Christmas.





On August 20, Rev. Richard Lee was invited to lead an ecumenical Memorial Service in Keelung French Cemetery. As part of the Sino-French War in 1884-1885, France attacked Keelung (see 'Keelung Campaign' in Wikipedia for further information, including mention of the French Cemetery in Keelung). 600-700 French soldiers (including many who were killed elsewhere in Asia as part of the conflict, particularly in Vietnam), are buried in Keelung French Cemetery.

Every summer as part of the traditional Ghost Month ceremonies, the dead are remembered according to the Taoist traditions of making large offerings to the

ghosts. This year, in a break with tradition and realizing that in fact most of the French soldiers would have been of Christian backgrounds, it was decided that prior to the traditional Ghost Month offerings, a short Christian service would be held as a memorial for these soldiers.

It was very meaningful for this to take place and we give thanks to God for this opportunity to witness for Christ in Keelung City. In the bottom photo of this page is Rev. Richard Lee leading the Memorial Service with a floral cross in the foreground, with the altar for the Ghost Offerings already laid out in the background in front of the grave with a cross on it! Please



continue to pray for Richard and the important ministry of Trinity Church in Keelung City.

ST. STEPHEN'S MISSION, KEELUNG

Rev. Julia Lin Shu-Hua 林淑華牧師



On June 7, Mr. Davis, the administrator of the Asian Division of Nike, accompanied by the staff of both the Shanghai and Taiwan branch offices came to visit us. All the visitors played basketball with our children before leaving (see photo above).



Our 2012 Summer Camp was led by church members in the local community activity center from July 16~19. This year, in total we had 60 children from the local community in attendance. All the leaders from the church wore red T-shirts during the summer camp (see photo above).

Our children painted a picture for famous Basketball Player Jeremy Lin of "Linsanity" fame on the day he came back to Taiwan, Au-

gust 4, 2012. 8 children from St. Stephen's each received a basketball from Jeremy Lin that night (see photo below).

The highlight of the vacation was our community outing for 76 seniors to Miao-Li on August 14. One of the two buses came back to Keelung the same day, and the other bus continued on a trip to Sun-Moon Lake.

We were delighted to visit Chang-Hua



Christian Hospital for morning worship on Sunday August 16. In the picture below, you can see the vice president of the hospital thanking us.



ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, TAIPEI

Rev. Samuel Lin Ying-Chiou 林應求牧正



From July 28 to 29, we were delighted to hold our Sunday School Children's summer camp at Yang-Ming Shan Methodist Center. 26 children and 22 adults spent 2 days enjoying lots of fun and games, including a BBQ! See photos on this page.

On April 21, Zhongshan Presbyterian Church held a wedding ceremony for our choir leader, Ms. Huang 黃子馨 and Mr. Lu 呂哲毅.

On May 13, St John's Cathedral held our Mother's

Day Celebration, we were so happy to invite the Sunday School and the Cathedral Kindergarten Choir to celebrate and share with us.

On May 27, we were delighted to welcome a total of 5 people for laying on of hands for confirmation at St John's Cathedral.

From May 8 to July 21, over 10 weeks, we held the cathedral's 15th Alpha course; we welcomed everyone who was interested in the course. We did this through the cell groups and found it very successful.

From June 16 to 17, Dean Samuel Lin of St John's Cathedral led a retreat for those who attended the 15th Alpha course, at the Society of the Sacred Heart Convent, and we were pleased that 22 people attended.

On June 30, St John's Cathedral held a gathering of the New Care Team co-workers meeting.

From June 6 to August 15, on Wednesday evenings from 7:45-9:00pm we held our 2nd season program of Bible Study, this time studying 1 Corinthians.



ST. JAMES' CHURCH, TAICHUNG

Rev. Philip Lin Li-Feng 林立峰牧師

Rev. Charles Chen Chin-Ti, Rector Emeritus 陳金地顧問牧師



We rejoice in the appointment and installation of Rev. Philip Lin as the new rector of St. James' Church, the installation took place on September 9, and is shown in the photos on this page.

Daniel Lin, 林義牧小朋友, the 6-year-old son of Rev. Philip Lin, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia earlier in the summer, and although the long-term prognosis is quite good, the treatment involves about 3 years of chemotherapy,



which takes place in the National Taiwan University Hospital in Taipei. Please do pray for Daniel, for his parents and younger brother during this time.

For this reason, Linda, the wife of Rev. Philip Lin, is no longer able to be director of the St. James' Community Service Center, so Mr. Jerry Liang has taken her place temporarily and on a part-time (12 hours a week) basis.

The teaching and working staff of the Community Services Center have pulled together to proceed with the recruitment of new students for the autumn classes.

We were sad to lose a faithful and loyal member of our congregation in a tragic motorcycle accident earlier in the summer. Ms. Lee Man-Mei (wife of former senior warden, Mr. Joseph Hu) was killed,



and Mr. Joseph Hu was seriously injured. Ms. Lee will be much missed. Please pray for Mr. Hu and the family at this time.

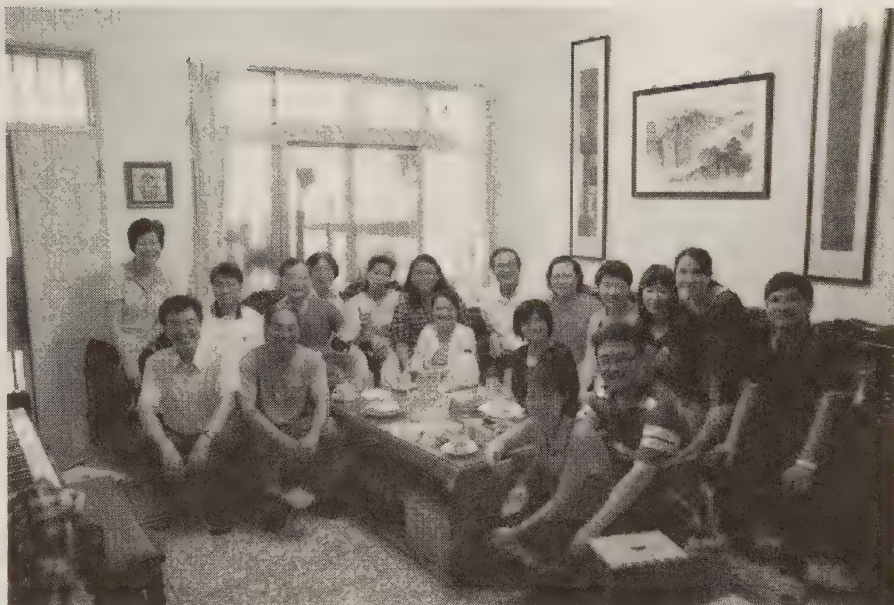
Rev. Philip Lin has greatly enhanced the fellowship of the Chinese congregation by means of small cell groups. For adult members, there are three cell groups which have regular and successful weekly meetings:

- (1) The '2-4-8' Group meets on Friday evenings, 19:30-21:30
- (2) The 'Feiyang' Group meets on Wednesday evenings, 19:00-21:00
- (3) The 'Esther' Group meets on Tuesday mornings, 10:30-12:00

Such regular meetings have helped the members of these cell groups get to know each other better, and therefore become more like "true brothers and sisters" in the same family.

They have also had some extra times of fellowship visiting members' homes, sharing meals and celebrating festivals together (see photos on this page).

In addition to the Small Groups formed by adult members, St. James' Church has two young people's

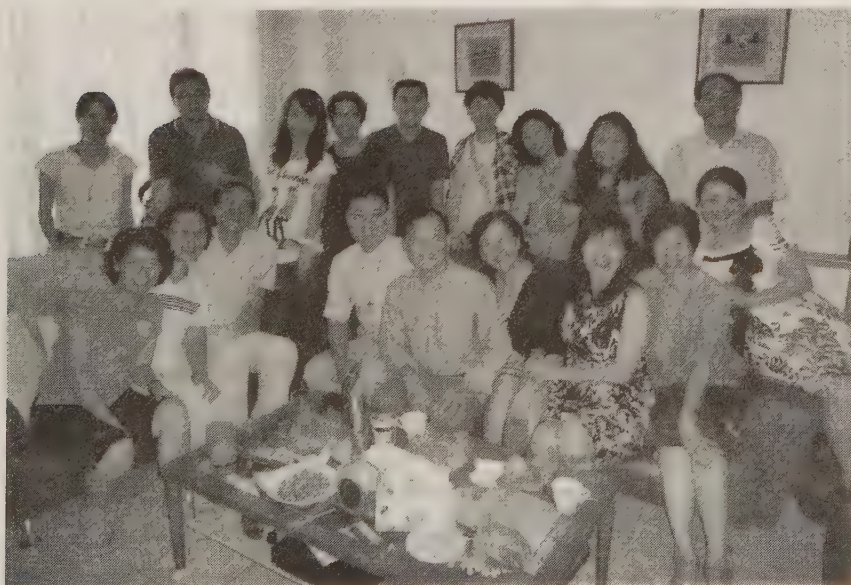


Groups:

- (1) Youth Group for middle-school students and younger students 青少年團契;
- (2) Young Adults Group for college and graduate students, and those who have graduated from university, 社青團契. This was formed in April, 2012 so it is relatively recent, but it has regular meetings and is off to a good start.

During the summer vacation, July 3 and 4, we held a summer camp for our community soccer team. There were 21 young children who attended the summer camp, and it was led by our Youth Service Team of 18 teenagers, youth and young adult members. The camp was held in a R. C. center in Taiping. It was a great opportunity for our young people to share their faith with the younger children on the soccer team.

It is wonderful that many members of our Youth Group joined in the Youth Service Team with members of other churches, and traveled to help in the summer camps at 3 other churches: St. Peter's Church, Chia-Yi, The Church of the Leading Star, Taiping, and Chung-Li Outreach Center.



ST. JAMES' ENGLISH LANGUAGE CONGREGATION

By Warren Sevander

A Spring and Summer of Visitors, and a Summer of Vacations

On behalf of all of us here in the English language congregation, I hope that each of you had a wonderful spring and summer. Aside from three 'unwelcome visitors', typhoons named Talim, Saola and Tembin, ours has been a spring and summer of happily welcoming new visitors, making new friends, becoming reacquainted with old friends, and of taking vacations.

St. James is actually blessed with what is in my experience, a unique situation: we don't have a full time minister. While some might view that as a deduction, it has actually worked here to enhance the worship experience. How is that so? Well, just as our English language congregation is culturally diverse, the flock is tended by a wealth of generous, loving shepherds.

Bishop John Chien and Rev. David Chee each regularly come to St. James to celebrate Holy Eucharist and preach, usually once a month. Reverend Jason Ke comes also and celebrates Holy Eucharist once a month. Their generosity is not lost on us. It is greatly appreciated. In addition to these who regularly visit and minister to us, others have come to

minister to our congregation as well; some from great distances.

On June 2nd, we were happy to welcome our former Chaplain, Rev. Peyton Craighill. Peyton served as Chaplain here for several years some years back and now makes his home in the eastern United States. He and I had gotten to know each other through email, and enjoyed the time we had together to worship. Peyton greatly enjoyed his time here in Taiwan when he served here, and this visit was no exception. It was a very happy reunion for him to spend time with so many persons that he knows well and has loved over the years. What a great pleasure it was to worship our Lord together.

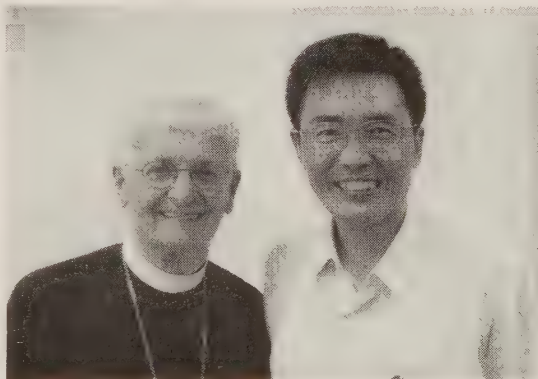
On the first Sunday of July, after our morning worship service, we had a pot-luck brunch and party. It was a well attended festive occasion with many of us taking part in sharing assorted songs in a karaoke style. That day, we were pleased to have 2 special teachers come to the service and also to the party. Melissa and Jenna are from our 'sister school' in Boston, CES. They spent the summer with us at St. James, see top photo on the next page.



Later in the summer, Hans Geiger and his wife, Shirley Ke, travelled to Germany for a month's visit. When they returned, though, there were not just the two of them, but four. Hans' teen aged children, son Benno, age 15, and daughter Marlene, age 14, came with them to visit Taiwan for about 3 weeks. During their time here with us, they were treated to a sermon led by Bill Bryson of Church of the Good Shepherd in Taipei (see photo on previous page).



On April 22, Rev. Vern Jones (see photo right, with our lay reader Jerry Liang) visited our congregation, celebrating Holy Eucharist and preaching the sermon. I had the great pleasure of visiting with Vern for several hours on the Saturday evening before our service the following morning. I learned about his remarkable journey of faith that stretched



across the United States, serving as priest to several Episcopal congregations in Oklahoma, and eventually wining up in San Francisco, where he was a volunteer priest in Grace Cathedral. As part of his sermon on Sunday, Rev. Jones invited us all to join with him in reading the text of a wonderful inspirational poem by Patience Allison Hartbauer, "Make Me a Blessing, Lord!" Space here does not permit me to include the text of the poem in its poetic form, but the words are these: "Let me be a blessing, Lord / To all who pass my way; / Walk with me and guide me / In all I do and say. / Lead me to the lonely ones / That I might bring them cheer, / To show I care and want to help / And that You are always near. / Let me share with others / Your covenant and creed; / Help me to instill new Faith. / Let me fill their void and need. / I strive to serve you faithfully. / To channel hope in Your accord. / Empower me, show me the way, / Then let me be a blessing, Lord!"

On Sunday, September 9, there was a combined worship service for both the Chinese and English language congregations. The service was a very special event in the life of St. James. It was Rev. Philip Lin's installation service as the new Rector of St.

James. St. James had

been without a Rector for several years after the retirement of our former Rector, Rev. Charles Chen. Rev. Philip Lin is only the 2nd Rector in the history of St. James. The chapel was filled to overflow capacity. Bishop Lai presided and preached the sermon. There were visiting clergy present and involved in the service from many parts of Taiwan. And, 2 choirs from the Chinese congregation plus a choir from the English language congregation provided special music for the service. It was a wonderful, joyful time of celebration together.

This is certainly an exciting time in the life of St. James. The English language congregation sends its heartiest congratulations to Philip. His gifts in ministry to youth and young adults as well as being instrumental in developing a small-group ministry that involves couples and singles are vital for the life of St. James. On a personal note, it has been one of the greatest pleasures of my life to, as an English teacher, have taught Philip, as a colleague, to have ministered together with Philip, and simply as a person, to be Philip's friend. We all look forward with the greatest anticipation to see what it is that the Lord will do through Philip, and where, through Philip, the Lord will lead us.

In closing, I think the words from Ms. Hartbauer's poem resound with how we can live our daily lives. May we all, when we pray, take the words of this inspirational poem to heart, and with the greatest of thankfulness ask of our Lord in all that we think to or say to "Make Me a Blessing, Lord!"

THE CHURCH OF THE LEADING STAR, TAIPING

Mr. Joseph Ho Ray-En 何睿恩傳道

Good news to share with the friends of Friendship! It's about our Summer Camp in Taiping. We cooperated with "Fly Young," an evangelical outreach organization. They are very good at training college students to serve young people around age 12-15.

We held our summer camp at Kuang-Lung Elementary School. The school is close to



This camp's focus was on evangelism. There were 8 college students from the diocesan youth service program, they were the important people to share their life and faith with others. The others were 5 youth from St. James, and 2 from Leading Star. We asked them to serve in the camp, to teach the children by picture stories, to play with children in the



our church. We invited the students from that school, because I had taught "Champions Course" last semester there, so I was already familiar with the school and staff, and the staff helped me with the camp enrollment and administration. We had 37 children from the school, all new to us, and 10 children from the church care center.



games, to gather them in friendship.

Kuang-Lung Elementary School hopes we can hold another similar camp during the winter vacation. The children want to come to weekend outreach activities at Leading Star, and the parents of the children have each offered NT\$100 for church mission. Hallelujah!! Praise the Lord !

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHIA-YI

Rev. Simon Tsou Tsai-Shin 鄒才新牧師



We have been privileged to have had Teacher Lori worshipping with us and helping us over the last year; she has now finished her work for Chia-Yi City Government's 'English Village' and she left to return to America on July 6. We had a farewell party for Lori with all of the English Bible Study's members on June 21 (see photo above) as well as a farewell presentation to her on her last Sunday.



72 children attend, helped by 18 youth (see photos below).

On August 12, Bishop Lai came to St. Peter's Church, for the confirmation of Ms. Chang Lin Fen-Ling (see photo above).

On August 24 we had a farewell party for members of our youth group from Chia-Yi Girls Senior High



For our children's summer camp this year, we did something different and invited CEF (Campus Evangelical Fellowship) to help us and also to train our high school students. We spent 2 days learning how to use the sketchbook for children. The summer camp was for 3 days, and we had



School who have graduated and are leaving the city for university elsewhere. We presented each one with a Bible and introduced them to campus and church friendship groups. May God bless them in their new lives (see photo left).

GRACE CHURCH, TAINAN

Rev. Sam Cheng Ching-San 鄭慶三牧師

'One person baptized, the whole family baptized', so goes the saying, and in the case of the Chen family here at Grace Church, so it has proved! On January 20, 2008, Mr. and Mrs. Chen were baptized. They are enthusiastic and faithful servants of the Lord, helping in Grace Church and as loyal members of the congregation. Since the day they were baptized they have shared the Gospel with their extended family and gradually they have had the joy of bringing their family members for baptism. This has included Grandfather Chen, 2 younger brothers and one sister-in-law, their daughter and their nephew. There are now a total of 10 Christians in their family! This photo, right, shows the family gathered on the day of baptism for Grandfather Chen, and one younger brother and his wife. May Almighty God bless them and guide this family in their faith, and may they continue to be role models for others!



Grace Church gives scholarship awards to church members who study hard at school, as a way to encourage them in their studies. This photo below

shows the presentation awards, given to 2 university/college students, 5 Junior-high school students and 5 elementary school students.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone for the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Barbecue on September 29, there will be singing and dancing, as well as delicious foods, moon cakes and pomelos!



ST. ANDREW'S KINDERGARTEN, JIE-DING

Rev. Keith Lee Jen-Cheng 李鎮丞牧師

Congratulations to all 36 children who graduated from St. Andrew's Kindergarten on July 21 at the kindergarten's 34th graduation ceremony. The right photo shows all the teachers after the graduation ceremony. May the Lord encourage the children as they take their next step in the great field of learning!

The children's summer camp was held from July 2-3. There were 12 children from the local community who participated in the camp. Besides the gospel activities, we did vacation homework and adventure games in the mornings. In the afternoons, we had some outings. On July 2, we visited Tainan Theological



Seminary on July 2 (see photo above) and the Rev. Keith Lee gave us a brief history of the seminary and also of its founder, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Barclay, who was a Presbyterian missionary from Scotland. On July 3, we visited Ciautou sugar refinery, where we saw many old trains and sugar-refining tools, and had ice creams together. The ice cream is a famous product of the refinery. We all had a good time!

We also took our children from the after-school day care program on an outing to the Museum of Shadow Puppets in Kaohsiung, see photo right.



There were 10 children from St. Andrew's who participated in the Southern Deanery summer camp which took place in "Tiau-tiau Ecological Leisure Farm" in Chiayi.

St. Andrew's has been making contact with some of the local primary schools to see if there is any possibility for the church to be involved in teaching 'behavior education' (品格教育) to children at the schools. We hope the church can reach out to more people and children through this way.

We are seeking to try to organize a youth fellowship in order to introduce the Christian faith and the love of God to children; for those who are willing to come to the church, and their parents who

also permit their children to come. We hope the fellowship can become a regular activity. We are still thinking through the possibilities and discussing a suitable time for the gathering. Please remember St Andrew's Mission in your prayers.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PING-TUNG

Rev. Keith Lee Jen-Cheng 李鎮丞牧師

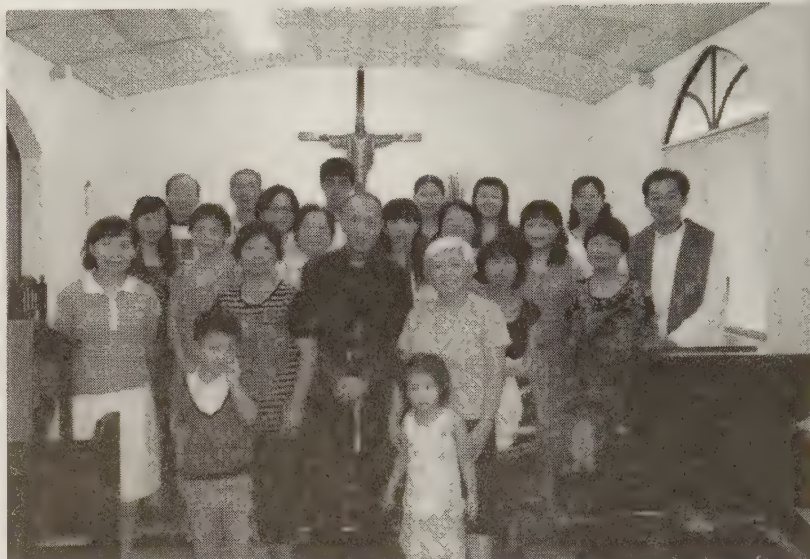
The Southern Deanery meeting was held on September 2 at St. Mark's Church. That day coincided with a huge rainstorm that very afternoon, so it was not too convenient for the journey of the delegates coming from other places, but we still had a nice sharing, meeting, and fellowship at the time!

Bishop Lai came to St. Mark's on May 13 (Mother's Day) and also September 2, he gave good and warm preaching to all of us. We also give thanks to the Rev. David Chee (see photo below), Rev. Samuel Liao (see photo right), and Rev. June Chou for coming to St. Mark's during these months to participate in worship with us.

There were 14 children from St. Mark's who participated in the Southern Deanery summer camp which took place in "Tiau-tiau Ecological Leisure Farm" in Chiayi.

There are 3 of our members learning church history on the diocesan Trinity Hall course. They all like the program and hope to learn more about the history of Christianity.

The Children's weekend activities for this semester started on 22 September. This is also our Bible and outreach class, similar to Sunday school, but in-



tended specifically for the local children coming from the community.

St. Mark's celebrated its 50th anniversary last December (December 11, 2011), and we are working towards publishing a special memorial booklet for this unique occasion. If you have any memories of St. Mark's Church or its people, and would like to share those memories with us, then we sincerely invite you to write an article for us to be included in the booklet. Please send your articles to Rev. Lee's email: tinseng555@yahoo.com.tw We hope the booklet can be published next year.

We are planning to renovate some of our church facilities, for some of them are antiquated or damaged, and they need to be fixed up or renewed. Al-

though we are a small church, God's preparedness is really abundant and amazing! We have been collecting donations for the renovation since this past Spring from our church members, and others who care and support our church's needs. May God bless everyone who prays for us and shows their care for us through this project. We hope the renovation can be started in the fall, please keep us in your prayers.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, KANG-SHAN

Rev. Leo Tzeng Wen-Bin 曾文斌牧師

Every month, All Saints Church organizes an outing for a whole day or half-day for the seniors in the congregation (see photo right). A day of fellowship, food and fun! This is planned usually on a Monday and so far has included picnics, restaurant meals, hiking, and visits to scenic spots. Usually we have about 15-20 people taking part, aged from 50 to over 80! During the summer vacation time, we were also pleased that some of our young people also came along too.



On July 28, we held the funeral of one of our church members who died from a stroke aged 60.

On the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival weekend, the last weekend of September, we are looking forward to many activities. On September 29, we will be gathering for the blessing of our senior warden's new house, plus a dinner party to celebrate afterwards. On September 30, we will be having a special dinner and enjoying the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival traditions of looking at the moon, eating pomelos and moon cakes!



ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH, KAOHSIUNG

Rev. Justin Lin Jun-Ming 林俊明牧師



Last semester and this, we have continued with our active church outreach program, including the ministry in Jia-Shian and Bao-Rong, the 2 villages that suffered badly in Typhoon Morakot in August 2009. This involves homework clubs, classes in the local schools, youth outreach and getting to know the local families. We have been going there on Wednesdays and Friday afternoons for the after-school activities, and on Tuesday and Fridays for the school classes. Once a month on Saturdays we also go there for outreach children's activities. On Fridays there is also the youth outreach ministry in Jia-Shian.



From July 5-7, St. Timothy's Church held our summer family camp, on the theme of 'we are one family'. In attendance were some from Jia-Shian, some from the local community and from our different fellowship groups, all of different ages. This was a great weekend of fellowship. We have had many outings and camps throughout the summer, visiting many beautiful scenic and historical spots.

This past semester the Trinity Hall Course on Worship met in St. Timothy's Church led by visiting clergy Rev. Leo Tzeng, Rev. Keith Lee and Rev, Lily Chang, with church members from all over the south of Taiwan, shown in this photo below.



TRINITY HALL WORSHIP COURSE

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KAOHSIUNG
Rev. Philip Ho Jeng-Long 何政隆牧師



An Unforgettable Baptism

On September 2, there was happiness filling the air at St. Paul's Church because we had four people being baptized! They were Show-Lan Shao Lin, Yi-Hwa Shao, Jung-Ting Chen, Sing-Yia Lee. Show-Lan is the mother of Yi-Hwa who is a very faithful and good sister in the Lord, but just struggled from a difficult emotional situation after losing her best friend Yi-Ray Xie from terrible liver cancer on August 15. After the funeral, Yi-Hwa invited her mother to be baptized together on the same day. Both the mother and daughter were touched by the great love of our Lord Jesus Christ when they were young and lived in Hualien City. They liked to go to church when they were there but didn't have a chance to be baptized. This is the great and suitable time for them to be baptized into our Lord's kingdom and join the warm family of St. Paul's Church.

Jung-Ting just graduated from a senior high school. She was too busy in her heavy preparation for the university entrance examination to attend church to worship our Lord. Now it is the right time to be baptized into the Lord's family and have a wonderful new perspective to live an honorable life for our

savior Jesus Christ.

Sing-Yia is a little girl who is going to be one year old on September 15, and is so cute and loved very much by her parents. Her parents are both expecting her to be a lucky girl blessed by the Lord. Her mother I-Fair Tseng is a godly Christian but her father is not baptized yet.

An Extra Miracle Brought Out Of Linsanity

Famous American Basketball player of Taiwanese background, Jeremy Lin, visited Taiwan in early September, and on his final evening here he appeared in a major Christian event in Taipei City that was broadcast live throughout Taiwan.

On the evening of September 2, after finishing a meeting of the Southern Deanery, we had a basketball competition. The purpose was to attract more people to join St. Paul's Church through the web-cast starting at 7:00 pm that focused on Jeremy Lin, 'Linsanity', who was invited to have a wonderful testimony for Jesus' salvation at the stadium in Sin-jhuang in New Taipei City.



On April 15, there was a special webcast held by the same Good TV Christian Company, but we got only one stranger to come into church to listen to the testimony by 150 Christian artists. That was a miracle for finally he made a decision to believe in



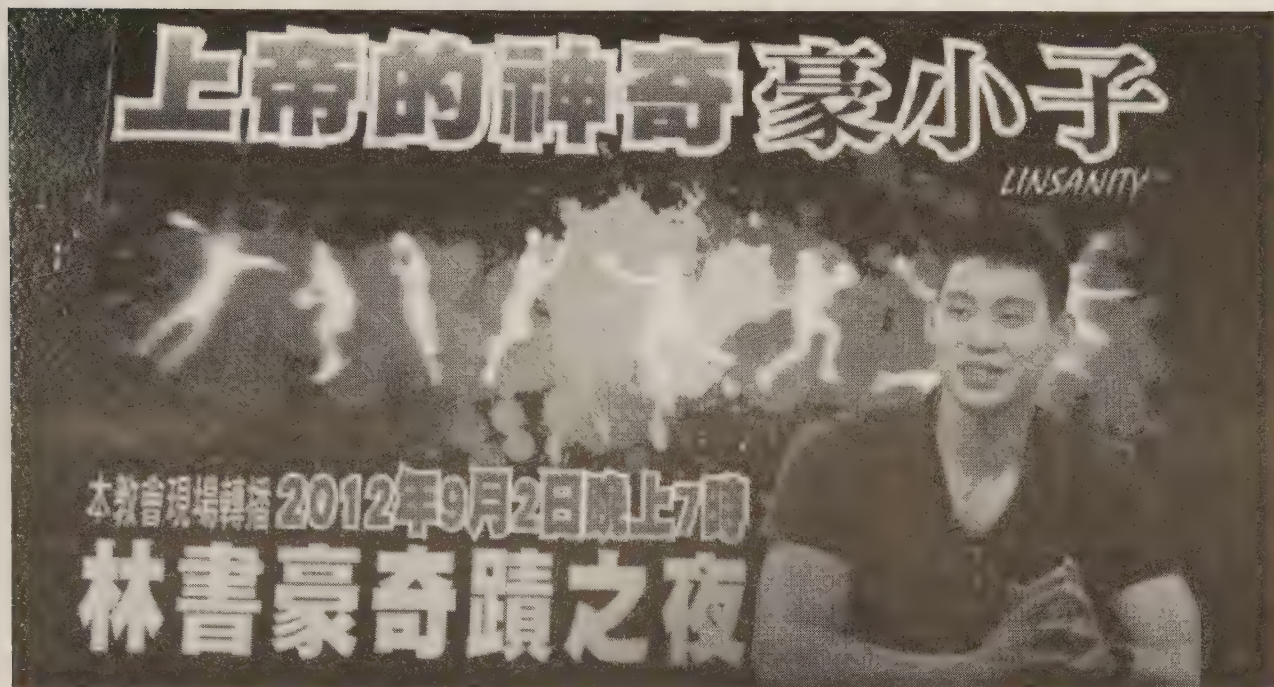
Jesus and accept Jesus to be his savior to change his old bad life into a new better life.

With this basketball 'race', the idea was to shoot 5 times in 30 seconds, and the more that went into the net, the better your score. We had 35 people to join in the race, after the first round we got 7 finalists to compete in the front four best scores in the second round. Three of them were over 160 cm high and one of the three was grade 9, the other two were grade 11. A surprising miracle happened, after the

second round competition, the first champion winner of the best gift, a bike, was unexpectedly the shortest boy! He is a child attending St. Paul's Kindergarten, the second winner was a grade 3 boy, the third winner was a grade 6 boy, and the fourth winner was a grade 7 boy! They stood in a line as a ladder growing up from left to right and from the first winner to the fourth (see photo below). Photos on this page show the wonderful day that we had!

Once the competition was over, we got about 56 people to join in the whole program of the webcast and we had 16 people who made a decision to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord. This is a miracle also comparable to the situation that happened on April 15!





**A gentle visit by a nice retired priest,
Rev. Samuel Liao Jing-Ling**

On the same day as the basketball competition, September 2, we were so honored to be able to invite the nice retired priest, Rev. Samuel Liao Jing-Ling to have a gentle visit to St. Paul's Church (see photo below).

Rev. Samuel Liao is an expert on church history and has great interest in our identity as a church. He

told us about the wonderful and long history of the Anglican Church and the Episcopal Church. Many sisters and brothers of St. Paul's congregation felt so touched by the Holy Spirit through Rev. Liao's sermon that indicated we are together a universal Church, that spreads broad and has grown large since the ancient times when the apostles built the original Church.



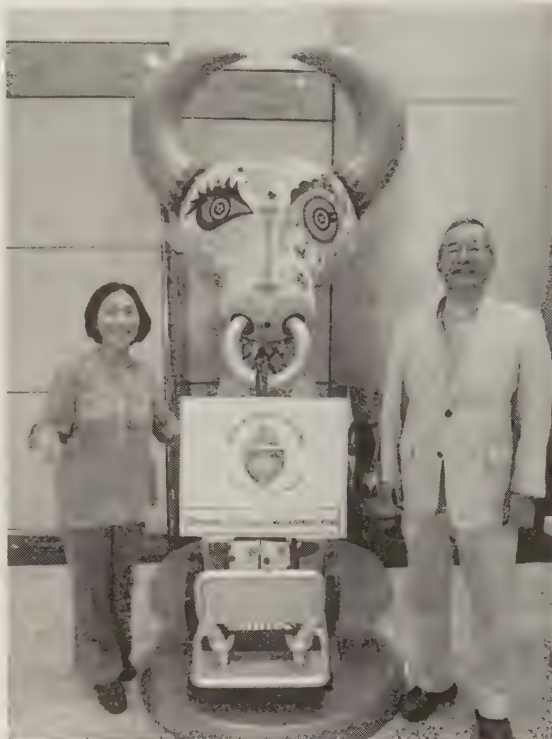
STOP PRESS: Welcoming CCEA Bishops and Spouses to Taiwan!

By Catherine Lee

From October 3-8, 2012 the Diocese of Taiwan had the great honor of hosting the 2012 CCEA (Council of Churches of East Asia) Bishops' Meeting in Taiwan. A total of 18 bishops and 12 spouses were in attendance, plus CCEA Executive Committee members, helpers and assistants. The main purpose was fellowship and mutual encouragement. The theme for this conference was 'Arise, let us go hence' (John 14:31).

The conference was held at the Living Water Hotel in Jiao-Si (Jiaoxi) in Yilan, 45 minutes drive through the tunnel from Taipei City. We really appreciate the hotel's cooperation and help. Rev. Elizabeth Wei, assisted by diocesan staff and volunteers made all the practical arrangements, and we praise God that everything went very smoothly.

Those who attended were as follows: from Hong Kong: CCEA Chairman Archbishop Paul Kwong, CCEA Assistant Rev. Kenneth Lau, CCEA Treasurer Rev. Cindy Kwok; from Korea: Archbishop Paul Kim and his wife Teresa from Seoul, Bishop Michael Kwon from Daejeon, Bishop Dongsin Park from Busan, Mr. Thomas Jun Kee and his wife Maria from the Diocese of Seoul; from Japan: Bishop Andrew Nakamura and his wife, Michiko from Kobe;



ONE OF THE FIRST TO ARRIVE AT THE AIRPORT: BISHOP ANDREW NAKAMURA AND HIS WIFE MICHIKO, FROM THE DIOCESE OF KOBE, JAPAN.



BISHOP DONGSIN PARK FROM BUSAN, KOREA (FRONT LEFT) AND BISHOP MICHAEL KWON FROM DAEJEON, KOREA (FRONT RIGHT) ALONG WITH MR. THOMAS JUN KEE AND HIS WIFE MARIA FROM THE DIOCESE OF SEOUL, ARRIVE AT THE AIRPORT!

from the Philippines: Prime Bishop Edward Malecda and his wife Myrnam, Bishop Renato Abibico and his wife Patricia from Northern Luzon, Bishop Dixie Taclobao and his wife Juliet from Central Philippines, Bishop Brent Alawas and his wife Shirley from Northern Philippines, Bishop Danilo Bustamante from Southern Philippines, Bishop Alexander Wandag from Santiago; from S. E. Asia: Archbishop Bolly Lapok, his wife Mary and daughter Laura from Kuching, Bishop Albert Vun and his wife Mary from Sabah, Bishop Ng Moon Hing and his wife Siew Lan from West Malaysia, Assistant Bishop Andrew Phang and his wife Esther from West Malaysia, Assistant Bishop Jason Selvaraj and his wife Daphne from West Malaysia; from Australia: Bishop Greg Thompson from Northern Territory; from Taiwan: Bishop David J. H. Lai and his wife Lily, Mrs. Lin Bi-Huey.

The Bishops' Meeting started on Wednesday October 3 with an Opening Eucharist led by Bishop David J. H. Lai, followed by a welcome dinner to which the Diocese of Taiwan Standing Committee and clergy were also invited.

PRIME BISHOP OF THE PHILIPPINES, EDWARD
MALECDAN AND HIS WIFE MYRNAM



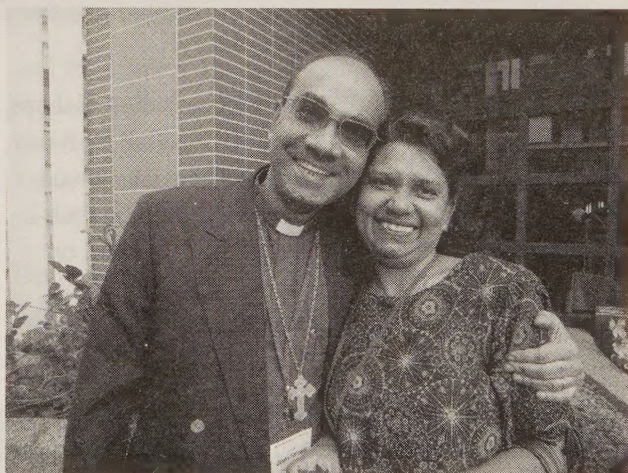
BISHOP OF WEST MALAYSIA, NG MOON HING AND HIS
WIFE SIEW LAN



BISHOP OF NORTHERN TERRITORY, AUSTRALIA, GREG
THOMPSON (LEFT) AND BISHOP OF CENTRAL PHILIP-
PINES, DIXIE TACLOBAO (RIGHT)



ASSISTANT BISHOP OF WEST MALAYSIA, JASON SEL-
VARAJ AND HIS WIFE DAPHNE

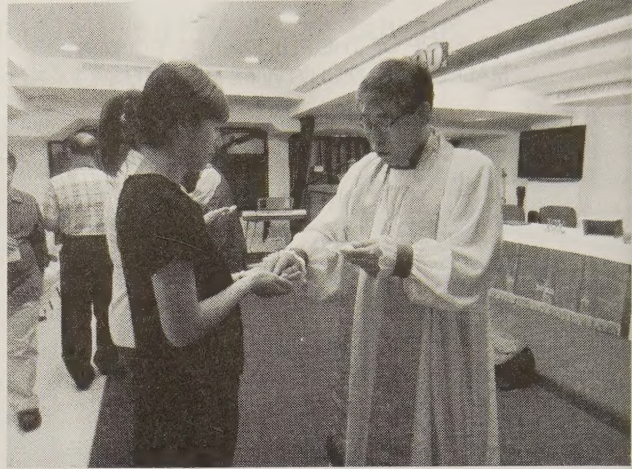


ARCHBISHOP OF HONG KONG, PAUL KWONG AND HIS
CCEA ASSISTANT, REV KENNETH LAU FROM HONG
KONG ENJOYING ICE-CREAM AT TAROKO GORGE!



ARCHBISHOP OF KOREA, PAUL KIM AND HIS WIFE
TERESA



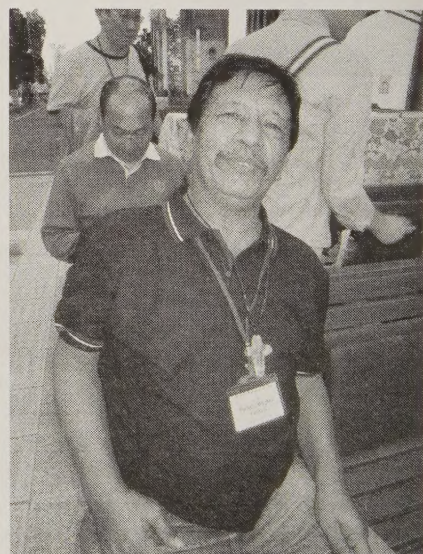
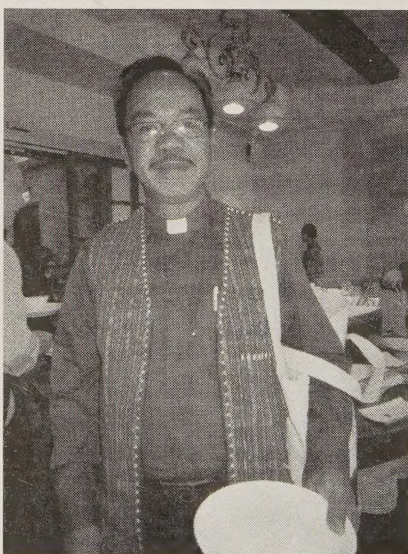
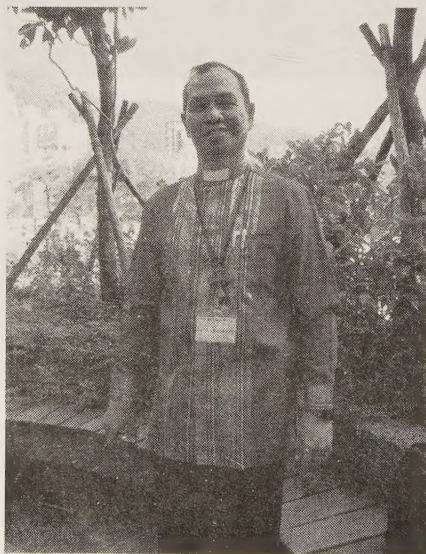


On Thursday October 4, after Eucharist led by bishops from the Philippines (photo above left), we gathered for group photos. Then the bishops and Executive Committee members held meetings all day, while the spouses went out on a sightseeing tour of Yilan County. We visited the National Center for Traditional Arts where we saw traditional acrobats, lion dance and drama. In the afternoon we visited the Mr. Brown Coffee Factory!

On Saturday October 5, everyone, including bishops and spouses, went on a day tour to Hualien by train, and then to Taroko Gorge by bus. This was a wonderful restful day for everyone, enjoying the spectacular scenery and fresh air. In the afternoon on our way home, we all visited St. Luke's Church, Hualien. A church member had kindly donated rose stone pendants, enough for one each, and one extra-

special rose stone cross pendant, which was won by Bishop Renato Abibico of the Diocese of Northern Luzon, Philippines, actually our nearest neighbor across the sea!

On Saturday October 6, after Eucharist led by the bishops from Korea (photo above right), the bishops continued with a second day of meetings, while the spouses left for a day in Taipei City. Our first stop in Taipei City was St. John's Cathedral where we were warmly welcomed by the Dean, Samuel Lin, Senior Warden Mrs. Marjorie Kuo and church members. Mrs. Marjorie Kuo had planned the whole day's itinerary and we drove around Taipei 101 where we stopped for a photo, then to Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial, then to lunch at the Grand Hotel. After lunch we visited Good Shepherd Church for coffee and snacks, then the Shilin Gardens, and



BISHOPS FROM THE PHILIPPINES: LEFT TO RIGHT: BISHOP OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES, DANILO BUSTAMANTE; BISHOP OF SANTIAGO, ALEXANDER WANDAG; BISHOP OF NORTHERN LUZON, RENATO ABIBICO (WITH HIS ROSE STONE CROSS FROM ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, HUALIEN!)

finally to dinner, and a late return to the hotel!

On Sunday October 7, all the bishops and spouses were assigned to spend the day in our local churches in northern and central Taiwan, hosted for the day by the clergy and church members. We all met up again in the evening in a Taipei restaurant for a wonderful farewell dinner.

At the Farewell Dinner we took the following photo of Rev. Elizabeth Wei (center left below), the first woman priest in the Diocese of Taiwan,



and Rev. Juliet Taclobao (center right), the first woman priest of the Philippines. With their husbands, Rev. Peter Chen (far left) and Bishop Dixie Taclobao (far right), they are the first clergy couples of their respective countries!

On Monday October 8, the meeting closed with a final Eucharist led by bishops from S. E. Asia, see photos below.

A wonderful 6 days, a great time of fellowship and friendship for everyone, praise the Lord indeed!



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